

REMARKS

This Amendment cancels claim 24 and amends claims 25-29. The amendment of claim 25 places it into independent form, while the dependencies of claims 26-29 have been changed from claim 24 to claim 25. Claims 14-23 and 25-30 are pending.

Examiner Greene is thanked for allowing claims 14-23. It is believed this Amendment places the entire application in condition for allowance.

This Amendment overcomes the objection to claim 25. More particularly, claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 24. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 25 are earnestly requested.

This Amendment overcomes the obviousness rejections of claims 24 and 26-30 over U.S. Patent No. 4,840,028 to Kasuda et al., Japanese Patent Publication 9-222,009, U.S. Patent No. 6,120,583 to Saito et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,090,172 to Dementhon et al. More particularly, claim 24 has been canceled, and claims 26-30 now depend from claim 25, which has been indicated as allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejections of claims 24 and 26-30 are earnestly requested.

It is believed this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 25 and all rejections of claims 24 and 26-30, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed to claims 14-23 and 25-30, are earnestly requested. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned should he believe any further action is required for allowance.

A Petition and fee for a one month Extension of Time are attached. It is not believed any additional fee is required for entry and consideration of this Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-1258 in the amount of any such additional required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure:
Petition for Extension of Time